

WOULD DECREASE NAVY TO ONE SQUADRON KEPT IN THE PACIFIC

U. S. Sends Pointed Note to Five Great Powers Insisting on Payment of The Cost of The Rhine Army

NAVY YARDS TO BE DROPPED IF SHIPS REDUCED

Norfolk Naval Base Might Be
Only One Retained if Fleet
Transferred to Pacific.

PLANNING REDUCTION OF MEN TO 65,000

Navy Department Studying How
Many Ships It Could Man if
Proposed Cut Is Made.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Radical
reductions in the navy discussed by
house appropriation committee mem-
bers may result in naval abandonment
of Atlantic waters and concentration
of the fleet in the Pacific, some navy
officials believe.

Efficient training for war of the re-
duced establishment, it was explained
by one officer today, would require
much action.

The navy department has made no
plans, so far as is known, as to steps
to be taken should congress order a
reduction of enlisted personnel to 65-
000, as is understood to be the plan of
the house appropriations sub-committee.

Only 12 War Dogs.

Studies have been made, however,
of the number of major craft it would
be possible to keep in commission even
with reduced complements of that
basis, and these are said to have
shown that not more than 12 battle-
ships, or two-thirds of the naval im-
itation treaty strength of the fleet,
could be operated, with the destroyers
and other auxiliary craft necessary for
working out fleet problems and keep-
ing the navy afloat in time of war.

The belief of some officers that con-
solidation of the floating navy into a
single fleet in the Pacific would result
from so radical a cut in size arises
from their conviction that it would
be impossible to give necessary war
training otherwise.

In the Pacific.

There is every reason to expect,
these officers believe, that if the navy
is reduced to a one-fleet basis, that
fleet would be stationed in the Pacific
because American overseas interests
lie largely in those waters.

It was said to be apparent that it
would not be necessary to maintain all
of the six Atlantic coast navy yards
and other bases and stations designed
only to serve the fleet. From a strate-
gic point of view, many naval officials
regard the Norfolk naval base as
the only one essential even with the
fleet in the Pacific.

HOUSE APPROVES ARMY REDUCTION

May Also Order Back Troops in
China, Hawaii and Canal Zone.
Bill Up Again Friday.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—The
house gave its approval today to a
provision of the army appropriation
bill which would require the reduction
by July of the regular army en-
listed strength to 135,000 men and
then proceeded to enter upon a pro-
longed discussion of whether congress
should direct the return to the United
States of certain troops stationed in
China, Hawaii, the Panama Canal zone
and on the Philippine Islands. Weeks
has already announced the withdrawal
of the troops from the Rhine.

The bill provides that before the
beginning of the coming fiscal year
approximately 6,500 troops stationed in
Hawaii, 2,000 men on duty in the canal
zone and the entire force of 600 garriso-
ned in China as well as all but 800
men and officers in the army of occupa-
tion in Germany must be brought
back to continental United States.
Representative Crago, republican,
Pennsylvania, raised a point of order
against the provision on the ground
that congress was attempting to usurp
the power of the president. The point
was overruled by Representative Long-
worth, who declared that congress in
appropriating for maintenance of
troops could properly place the limita-
tions on the president and the war
department. The bill will be taken up
again Friday.

LANCASTER BANK JURY STILL OUT AT MIDNIGHT

(By The Associated Press)
LANCASTER, S. C., March 22.—The
case of Charles D. Jones, lawyer and
banker, on trial here since last Friday
on one of five indictments charging
breach of trust and misappropriation
of funds of the Lancaster Mercantile
company while he was its president,
went to the jury at 5 o'clock this after-
noon.

No report had come from the jury
room up to midnight.

SWEAR THAT DODGE ACTUALLY REFUSED TO TAKE A DRINK, (ONCE)

(By The Associated Press)
KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 22.—
John Duval Dodge, son of the
late John F. Dodge, automobile
manufacturer of Detroit, was ac-
quitted by a jury in municipal court
today on a charge of driving an auto-
mobile while intoxicated.

Dodge was also charged with il-
legal possession of liquor, and on this
was bound over to the April
term of circuit court.

Miss Sue Stegenga and Miss
Kwackernack, who were in the party,
testified at Dodge's trial that he
had refused a drink, once any-
way, tendered him by Rex Earl of
Kalamazoo, another participant.
Miss Stegenga reiterated this state-
ment at Dodge's hearing today.

QUAKES FELT ALL AROUND ST. LOUIS

Shocks in City and at Points in
Missouri and Kentucky
160 Miles Distant.

(By The Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 22.—Earth
tremors lasting 18 seconds and be-
ginning at 6:22 o'clock this evening,
were registered on the seismograph at
St. Louis University. The quake was
described as not as severe as the first
one at 4:30 this afternoon but was felt
in St. Louis and southeast Missouri
and Southern Illinois.

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., March 22.—
Earth tremors were felt here about
4:20 o'clock this afternoon and lasted
15 seconds. A number of points in
southeast Missouri reported the shock.

HICKMAN, Ky., March 22.—Earth
tremors severe enough to shake build-
ings and lasting several seconds were
felt here this afternoon.

PADUCAH, Ky., March 22.—Two
earth tremors were felt here today,
one at 4:25 o'clock this afternoon and
the other at 8:24 tonight.

LITTLE HOPE OF STAVING OFF BIG COAL STRIKE—MEN GET IN SHAPE FOR THE WALKOUT

Length of Strike Not Estimated,
But Will Continue Until
Surplus Stocks Depleted.

(By The Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 22.—
Without hope apparently of develop-
ments forestalling the coal strike set
for April 1, officials of the United Mine
Workers of America tonight declared
that the miners were ready for a gen-
eral suspension of many weeks' dura-
tion.

While no official forecast of the
length of the strike was made, it was
indicated authoritatively that the
union officials felt that any wage con-
ference with operators of the central
competitive field was doubtful until
the big coal stocks now on hand had
been depleted.

Last Two Months.

Operators here said that the stocks
on hand would meet the country's re-
quirements for two months and that
neighboring non-union fields could sup-
ply almost half of the normal demands.
While the strike in the soft coal
fields hinges on the situation in the
central competitive field, which is the
union's basis for wages of all soft coal
districts, the strike in Pennsylvania
anthracite fields may be ended before
that in the soft coal fields.

Still in Deadlock.
After being closed for two days in
joint conference, members of the an-
thracite miners' and operators' wage
arbitration committee of eight, an-
nounced tonight that they were still
at a deadlock.

Mr. Lewis today refused to consider
seriously the suggestion of Frank Far-
rington, president of the Illinois bitu-
minous district, for negotiation of a
separate agreement with operators
which would permit Illinois workers
to disregard the general strike edict.

DOCTORS HAVE DAY IN THE ARBUCKLE CASE

(By The Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Dr.
Arthur Beardslee, resident physician
of the Hotel St. Francis and the first
doctor called to attend Miss Virginia
Rappe, film actress, was one of the
principal witnesses today in the third
trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle,
film comedian, on a manslaughter
charge growing out of Miss Rappe's
death. Dr. W. F. E. Wakefield, prop-
rietor of the sanitarium where the
film actress died, was another witness.

HILL MAN DEAD; EX-CHIEF SHOT IN HOT BATTLE

(By The Associated Press)
MACON, Ga., March 22.—Federal
prohibition officers, working under the
personal direction of W. H. Hahr,
agent in charge of the middle-Georgia
district, engaged in a pitched battle
with alleged moonshiners in Emanuel
county late today. Ed F. Newberry,
formerly chief of detectives in Macon
and now a member of the raiding
forces, was shot three times. He will
recover, according to reports.

P. Barwick, 40, alleged moonshiner,
was taken to a hospital at Swainsboro,
where he died.

One group of officers was almost
upon two big copper stills when the
other group engaged in the gun fight.
They were a half-mile apart.

Hahr and E. C. Pearce, who were at
the stills, rushed to the aid of New-
berry and E. E. Nelson, who were en-
gaged in the pitched battle. They
found Barwick helpless on the ground
and Newberry wounded.

Returning to the scene, the officers
found that the still had been carried
away in a wagon. They followed the
wagon tracks to a creek and recovered
two stills from the stream, with 12
barrels of beer and a considerable
amount of manufactured whiskey, all
of which was destroyed.

BUSINESS BACK TO NORMAL SAYS BUREAU

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Busi-
ness is gradually approaching normal,
according to figures compiled by the
department of commerce up to
Monday, and while the favorable
movement has not been evenly dis-
tributed among the different indus-
tries, the improvement in those in-
dustries which "constitute the back-
bone of American business" has been
"very marked" over conditions of a
few months ago.

The outstanding change in condi-
tions during recent weeks, the de-
partment's report said, has been the
"substantial increase" in prices of ag-
ricultural products with the exception
of tobacco, for February over Janu-
ary. Compared with December last
the improvement has been still more
marked.

MORATORIUM IS GIVEN TO GERMANY

Germany Roused to Storm of
Protest by Conditions and
Cabinet May Fall.

(By The Associated Press)
PARIS, March 22.—A partial mor-
atorium has been given Germany for
her reparations payments in 1922, ac-
cording to a decision of the reparations
commission, made public here today.

The plan carries with it a specific
obligation on the part of Germany to
raise 60,000,000,000 marks, paper, in
additional capital taxes, to float an in-
ternational loan to balance her budget;
to stop the exportation of capital and
make the Reichbank independent, to
radically reduce expenses, to submit
to a system of supervision, and either
to float an international loan or to
make a levy on capital to raise a sub-
stantial sum for reparations.

The moratorium is conditional upon
the fulfillment of the conditions of the
commission by May 31, which may be
revoked later if Germany does not
continue to comply with them.

BERLIN, March 22.—The decision of
the reparations commission, with the
details of the payments to be made and
the guarantees to be given, were print-
ed in the afternoon papers here today.
The decision fell like a bombshell in
the official quarters in Wilhelmstrasse
and the Reichstag and created anger
and dismay. The news arrived during
a sitting of the foreign affairs com-
mittee, which was attended by the
chancellor and other ministers. The
sitting was immediately suspended and
a cabinet council was summoned.

It was asserted that if the decision
of the commission is persisted in, the
Weimar cabinet will fall.

TWO MORE ARRESTS IN COLUMBIA CAR STRIKE

(By The Associated Press)
COLUMBIA, S. C., March 22.—Two
new arrests growing out of the dis-
orders of Monday, the holding of two
other men who were arrested Tues-
day for the higher court and the ar-
rest of a union man for causing the
stopping of a car were developments in
the street car strike situation today.

SAY BONUS BILL TO PASS HOUSE BY NIGHTFALL TODAY

Last Preliminary Step Made
Thursday Special Suspension
Day for Passage.

DEMOCRATS TO FIGHT TO THE LAST DITCH

Repubs Claim Far More Than
The Necessary Two-Thirds
Majority for Success.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Ex-
treme confidence that the soldier
bonus bill would be passed by the
house before sundown tomorrow was
expressed today by republican lead-
ers in charge of the legislation.

The last preliminary step was taken
today with the adoption by the rules
committee of a resolution making to-
morrow a special suspension day and
setting aside four hours instead of the
usual forty minutes for debate.

This resolution was to be present-
ed when the house convened at 11 a.
m., tomorrow, an hour ahead of the
usual time. Democratic leaders planned
to make a determined fight against
the resolution, but the republicans
were satisfied that it would obtain
the necessary majority for its adop-
tion.

Gillett Ready.

With the adoption of the rule,
Speaker Gillett was expected to re-
cognize Chairman Fordney of the ways
and means committee for a motion to
suspend the rules and pass the bonus
bill.

A two-thirds majority would be ne-
cessary to suspend the rules and pass
the bill, but it was stated on all sides
that more than this majority
would be obtained. Leading support-
ers of the measure did not expect the
total votes against it to exceed 75,
while some opponents said the nega-
tive vote probably would not go be-
yond 60.

Hospital Bill.

After a conference today with
President Harding and his bill to ap-
propriate \$17,000,000 for hospitals for
sick and disabled veterans, Represen-
tative Langley, republican, Kentucky,
announced that he would try to call
the measure up ahead of the bonus
bill. Representative Mondell of Wy-
oming, the majority leader, and Chair-
man Campbell of the rules committee
said, however, that he would be un-
successful. Mr. Mondell said the hospi-
talization bill would be taken up
soon.

MEDIATION IS DEAD, VERDICT TEXTILE BOARD

(By The Associated Press)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 22.—
Formal announcement is expected to-
morrow by the state board of media-
tion and conciliation that it has aban-
doned all attempts to settle the tex-
tile strike in Rhode Island and that it
will take no further steps in the sit-
uation unless requested by both sides.

Tomorrow marks the beginning of
the third month of the walkout and
a survey of the strike area shows 21
plants employing nearly 10,000 persons
closed and 15 others running with only
a part of their usual number of em-
ployees between 5,500 and 6,000 being
out in those establishments.

GUILTY OF KILLING SLAYER OF FATHER

(By The Associated Press)
DOUGLAS, Ga., March 22.—Robert
Merritt was found guilty of murder,
with a recommendation of mercy, by a
jury tonight in connection with the
shooting of Walter Harper three years
ago. He was sentenced to a life term
in prison. A similar sentence imposed
last year was reversed by the supreme
court. Two years before this killing,
Harper killed the father of Robert
Merritt. Three years ago young Mer-
ritt was serving a sentence on a chain
gang when Harper passed. Young
Merritt grasped a shotgun from a con-
vict guard and shot Harper.

POLITICIANS NEED A DRESSING, SAYS FORD

(By The Associated Press)
LAKELAND, Fla., March 22.—"The
politicians need dressing down and
they will get it and some of them
should be replaced by preachers,"
Henry Ford said today in commenting
on a statement by Thomas A. Edison at
Jacksonville last night, that "too much
politics" would prevent the Detroit
manufacturer's acquisition of the Mus-
cle Shoals property.

He referred to the seating of Sena-
tor Newberry of Michigan as an evi-
dence that politicians should be
swept into the discard.

MIGHT USE BIG DIRIGIBLES TO CARRY PLANES

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secre-
tary Weeks had before him tonight
for examination the report of the spe-
cial army board investigating the
wrecking of the army semi-rigid dirig-
ible Roma at Hampton, Va., recently
with the loss of many lives. The sec-
retary declined to make public the
board's findings, but said he expected
to give out the report tomorrow.

No definite decision has been report-
ed by the war department as yet on
the question of whether the Roma is
to be replaced in the army air service.
Mr. Weeks said this decision was not
necessarily dependent in any way upon
the findings of the board which investi-
gated the disaster.

One possible use for ships of the
Roma type is that they might act in
war time as airplane carriers to take
airplanes to a distant zone of action.
It was pointed out today that the
flying of airplanes or balloons over
Mexican or Canadian territory in time
of peace has met with objections, and
officials believe that in such an emer-
gency a lighter-than-air dirigible like
the Roma could be employed to carry
planes quickly and entirely by a sea
route.

COUNTRY NEEDS "COME ON LET'S GO SPIRIT"

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 22.—The coun-
try needs a little more "come on let's
go" spirit and a little less "thou shalt
not."

That is how Will Hays, new com-
mander in chief of the motion picture
industry and former postmaster gen-
eral summed up the business situation
as he sees it today.

ASHEVILLE POLICEMAN WAS PROHIBITION VIOLATOR

(By The Associated Press)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 22.—A.
J. Floyd, former policeman here and
in Spartanburg, S. C., was found guilty
on three charges of violating state
prohibition laws in superior court to-
day. He stated he had resigned from
the force following charge of drink-
ing on duty.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEFEATED ON IRISH PENSION BILL BY A 42 TO 40 VOTE BY THE LORDS

Will Not Involve the Fate of the
Ministry at This Time,
It Is Believed.

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, March 22.—The govern-
ment was defeated in the house of
lords this evening by the adoption of
an amendment to the Irish Free State
bill to guarantee pensions to Irish
civil servants. The vote was 42 to 40.

The defeat of the government by
two votes is not likely to involve the
fate of the ministry at the present
stage. The amendment will be reject-
ed by the house of commons and when
the bill is returned to the house of
lords the rejection probably will be
accepted in accordance with the state-
ment of Lord Lansdowne in the upper
house Tuesday that if it became a
choice between the lords' proposed
amendments and the measure itself
he would favor dropping the amend-
ments, when the bill came back from
the commons.

Apart from this incident, tonight's
debate in the upper chamber was un-
eventful.

LURES GIRL TO HER DEATH AND KILLS SELF

(By The Associated Press)
PATERSON, N. J., March 22.—An-
gered, it is said, because Miss Elsie
Smith, a fellow employee, resented his
attention, Alphonse Byer, shipping
clerk in Maple silk mills, today lured
the young woman to a drying room,
shot and mortally wounded her then
fired a bullet through his own head.
Both died in a hospital without re-
gaining consciousness.

SYPHONED \$100,000 OF LIQUOR FROM BARRELS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Theft
of \$100,000 worth of liquor from the
Sherwood Distillery company's plant
at Cockeysville, Md., was discovered
today by internal revenue investiga-
tors. The whiskey is said to have
been siphoned out of 25 barrels into
large containers on trucks Sunday
night. In addition, it was asserted,
150 cases of bottled in bond liquor was
taken.

PERMANENT TARIFF MEASURE BY APRIL 1

WASHINGTON, March 22.—With all
the important schedule except those deal-
ing with wool and dyes practically com-
pleted, republicans of the Senate finance
committee are driving ahead in an effort
to have the permanent tariff bill ready
for the Senate by the first of April. The
wool schedule will be taken up again
tomorrow and senators hope to complete
it and the dye schedule by the last of
the week.

SURGICAL OPERATION IN OPEN COURT IN A GEORGIA MURDER CASE

(By The Associated Press)
MILLEN, Ga., March 22.—The un-
usual spectacle of a surgical opera-
tion being performed in open court
before a jury was presented here
today by the defense in the case of
R. H. Chance, a justice of the peace,
charged with the murder of Watson
Allen last Christmas.

After testimony to the effect that
Allen had fired upon Chance, his
son, Roscoe Chance, and Sidney
Rowe, Dr. C. Thompson removed
from the arms of Roscoe Chance
and Rowe several No. 4 shot which
the defense claimed were similar to
shots fired from Allen's shotgun.

The defense claimed the firing
was unprovoked, and Rowe declared
he took Allen's gun from him. Allen
later brought out a pistol and
opened fire.

ARREST GOVERNOR ON BRIBE CHARGE

Robertson of Oklahoma Submits
to Warrant Issued in
Guaranty Bank Case.

(By The Associated Press)
OKMULGEE, Okla., March 22.—
Governor J. A. B. Robertson of Okla-
homa, submitted to arrest here to-
night on a charge of accepting a bribe
to permit operation of the Guaranty
State Bank of Okmulgee while it was
in an alleged insolvent condition. The
governor immediately gave bond of
\$5,000 for his appearance at trial.

Governor Robertson with Fred G.
Dennis, former state banking commis-
sioner, and several local capitalists,
were named in indictments returned
yesterday by the grand jury which in-
vestigated failures of state banks in
Okmulgee county. The grand jury
charged that alleged questionable
manipulations had been conducted by
a state bank, said to be insolvent and
were continued after its purchase by
another state bank here, culminating
in the failure of the institution.

Basis of Claims.

Basis for the American claim, the
notes pointed out, was found in the
armistice agreement, to which the
United States was signatory, and
which provided for military occupa-
tion of the Germany by the allied and
American forces jointly. That agree-
ment, the notes recited, expressly pro-
vided that the upkeep of the troops of
occupation in the Rhine districts
should be charged to the German gov-
ernment, and it was expressed as the
view of the American government that
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EIGHT HOURS OF TALK ON TREATY

Senators Hasten to Get Their
Views Into the Record Be-
fore Final Vote Friday.

(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Eight
hours more of oratory on the four
power Pacific treaty went into the
senate record today as the ratification
debate approached its conclusion.
So many senators wanted to get
their views recorded before the hour
for voting Friday that for the first
time since the debate began the sena-
te recessed for dinner and met again
in the evening to let the discussion
wear itself out.

Pocket Edition of League.

Senator Pomeroy, Ohio, democrat,
took up the fight for ratification with
a speech telling his party colleagues
they could not consistently oppose the
four power pact if they had honestly
favored the league of nations. He
characterized the treaty as a "pocket
edition" of the celebrated article ten
of the league covenant, and said that
although he would have preferred the
league or the "Association of Na-
tions" advocated by President Hard-
ing, it would be inexcusable to reject
the regional understandings now of-
fered.

LaFollette Breaks Out.

Senator LaFollette, republican, Wis-
consin, denounced the treaty as a
British-Japanese scheme to merge the
Anglo-Japanese alliance into another
alliance binding the United States to
support imperialistic policies in the
Pacific and the Far East. In any con-
ference, he said, the American rep-
resentative was certain to be out voted
by a Japanese-British combination.

COMPENSATION ACT TO PASS SAYS SENATOR

(By The Associated Press)
CHICAGO, March 22.—Senator Mc-
Cormick today sent assurances to
General Milton J. Foreman, honorary
past national commander of the
American Legion that "the adjusted
compensation act will shortly pass the
house of representatives and also will
pass the senate without undue de-
lay."